(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Both India and China are agreed that bilateral trade holds substantial potential and should be encouraged.

(b) Bilateral trade has grown rapidly in the last four years. According to DGCIS data, it grew by 19.8% in 1999/2000 CUS$ 1,826 million), by 27.15% in 2000/2001 (US$2,321 million), by 27.3% in 2001/2002 (US$ 2,955 million) and by 43.4% in the first six months of 2002/2003 (US$ 2,328 million).

Statute of Rome

3644. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Statute of Rome to which India was not a party was ratified by sixty countries;

(b) whether on the 11th March, 2003, the International Criminal Court comprising of 18 judges came into existence at Hague to prosecute and punish perpetrators of barbaric crimes;

(c) whether India would now take advantage of this Court's functioning in the present terrorist-ridden scenario; and

(d) if so, what modalities are required to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The Statute of Rome has been ratified, so far, by 89 countries.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d) No. India chose not to become a party to the International Criminal Court for some important reasons, one of which was that the Statutes of Court do not recognize 'terrorism' as a crime within the purview of the Court, despite out strenuous efforts during the negotiations to have it included.

Commitment with regard to Indus Water Treaty

3645. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late Pakistan has been lagging behind in fulfilling their commitment with regard to Indus Water Treaty signed between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter has been brought to the notice of the Government of Pakistan and if so, their reaction thereto; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) In recent years Pakistan has been raising objections to Baglihar Hydroelectric Project over river Chenab in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Government has been continuously taking appropriate and necessary steps in this regard during the regular meetings of Permanent Indus Commission between India and Pakistan that was set up under the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty primarily to promote cooperation arrangement for the implementation of the treaty. 88th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission was held from February 4th to 6th, 2003 and Indian delegation, *inter alia,* informed the Pakistan side that Baglihar Hydroelectric project is within the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty.

Disclosure by Indian representative in Munich Security Conference

3646. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian representative to the Munich Security Conference, held in February this year, made a startling disclosure that Pakistan was hiding its nuclear weapons in tunnels and caves in Chagai hills of Baluchistan;

(b) if so, what was the basis of such a disclosure;

(c) whether he also stressed that larger that life obsession with Al-Quida was leading to inadequate consultations and intelligence sharing on global terrorist threat; and

(d) the reaction and response of the Munich Security Conference thereto?